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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

TAKEUCHI, Masao

Serial No: 09/602,814

Filed: November 20, 2000

For: BALL LOADING APPARATUS
AND METHOD

Art Unit: 1725

Examiner: KERNS, Kevin P.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a two-month extension of time extending to July 20, 2003, the period for response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2003. Please charge the fee of \$410 for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. The responsive paper(s) are attached.

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